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(LB) 738, and (LB) 781 indefinitely postponed. Judiciary reports (LB) 235, 800...or...I'm sorry. Judiciary reports (LB) 235 to General File. Banking reports (LB) 800, (LB) 849 to General File. Natural Resources reports (LB) 135 to General File; (LB) 297, (LB) 616, General File with amendments. Health reports (LB) 608, (LB) 619, (LB) 658 to General File with amendments. And Business and Labor reports (LB) 470 to General File. Those reports all signed by their respective chairs. Madam President, new resolutions. (Read brief summary of LR 95-97.) Senator Matzke has selected LB 255 as his priority bill. Confirmation report from Natural Resources and from Retirement and from Health and Human Services. And finally, a series of amendments to be printed: Senator Brashear to (LB) 465; Senator Hudkins to (LB) 485. (See pages 1079-89 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Mr. Clerk...Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator...Lieutenant Governor Robak, members of the Legislature. Let me return again to some of the reasons for marriages and the consideration of the question of whether the institution of marriage, extending that to homosexuals would be an advantageous public policy or a nonadvantageous public policy, assuming the fact that that population will continue to be with us. Senator Jensen mentions the idea of social stability and argues that the greatest social stability lies in retaining the narrower concept of marriage which is the traditional one we've valued in this state. But I think some strong arguments can be made that the greater social stability involves retaining Senator Jensen's concept of marriage as between heterosexuals because, in fact, that's an enormous stabilizing influence. But adding to that...if you added to that the idea of marriage as an institution to homosexuals, aren't some of the same stabilizing elements that marriage provides there also and extended to another element of our population which has not heretofore been subjected to those stabilizing, to that stabilizing element. We've talked about disease and promiscuity. Certainly, marriage would be a stabilizing influence among the homosexual population in that regard, in that area. The care and protection of spouses.